

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
From: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Subject: **MARCH 16, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

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Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump (Absent)
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Harold Anderson
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Guests

Mike Lovely
Jim Gattey
Ruth Zdanowicz
Henry Louke
Mike Marshall
John Cashman
Rex Wolf
Tim Larocco

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for approval of the February minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion to accept the February 2010 minutes, as written, passed unanimously.
- 3) **Public Comments:** Mike Marshall is opposed to the idea of back in parking on Harmon. Mr. Marshall listed all of the reasons that he is vehemently opposed to the idea including that he does not feel it doubles parking spaces as well as his feeling that the studies Ms. Lewis presented to the public are not in school areas with the same risk to children. This topic will be further discussed under Agenda Item #5.

Ruth Zdanowicz, of the SWNA Neighborhood Association spoke of the problems with speeding and pedestrian safety concerns in and around NW Crossing neighborhoods. She feels signs might help in this area. With five schools and promotion of a healthy lifestyle there are pedestrian conflicts with vehicles.

John Cashman, supports Ms. Zdanowicz in her assessment of Mt. Washington Drive, he sees his daughters trying to cross at High Lakes Loop as they make their way to school. He also believes that part of the problem is overgrown vegetation that obscures pedestrians at that intersection.

Nick Arnis sees the need to collect some more data and rank the crossing before putting up signs and painting stripes. He wants the crossing to be effective and safe.

Robert Tyler feels the City has an obligation to do something.

Harold Anderson made a recommendation to study the situation for 30 days and report at the next meeting.

- 4) **Agenda Review:** None given.
- 5) **School Area Safety Updates – Robin Lewis**

School Areas

- **Miller Elementary School speed zone & Pedestrian crossing**
- **Harmon sidewalks for Kenwood School with School District**
- **Bend High School Zone**
- **Amity School Zone, no parking and pedestrian safety**
- **Greenwood at 12th Street Crossing**

Ms. Lewis gave an accounting of the history of the school zone and pedestrian crossing for Miller school at Skyliner Ranch Road. She started with the path that the school district implemented as the preferred route, also noting that the posted speed on Skyliner Road is being reduced from 55MPH to 40MPH and the School Speed 20 MPH zone will be located at the intersection of Skyline Ranch Road and Skyliner Road when there is enough funding to fully implement the crossing, an estimate of \$15,000. is needed for completion.

Bend High School Speed 20 will be posted on 9th Street, this area sees almost all of the vehicle and pedestrian activity for about a 20 minute period both AM & PM peak, she estimates \$7,000. to complete the work.

Amity School on Wall Street needs some improvements to the pedestrian crossing, since it is one way with two lanes the first car to stop blocks view for the 2nd lane of traffic. Ms. Lewis feels that for about \$9,000. she can adjust the size of the bike lane, mark the school zone at the back of the school and add "No Parking" for 75' in front of the school and change the sight distance for the Wall Street crossing.

At Greenwood and 12th Ms Lewis has worked with ODOT now for almost three years to help design an enhanced crossing for a multi-lane high speed roadway. The design will incorporate a pedestrian activated Rapid Repeat Flashing Beacon (RRFB) approved by ODOT. It will have advanced flashers and "Stop Here on Red" lights and signs and will be funded by ODOT when fully designed.

Harmon Street sidewalks and parking for Kenwood School was a project brought to the City by the School District several years ago, because the school was an older style school they did not have separate drop-off and bus zones and they also needed to use some additional City right of way to improve parking and drop-off zones. Working with the School District the project was designed and presented to the public in a series of public meetings. The project incorporates design elements such as back-in angled parking, with a bike lane and physical barrier between sidewalk and parking. There will also be some additional signage and traffic calming on adjacent streets. Since this is a joint project the decisions were made as a team and the school district has the ultimate decision on how the project will be finalized.

6) TSAC Annual Report – Nick Arnis

Mr. Arnis distributed a draft of the Annual Report. He will need to complete the report in the next couple of weeks and asked that the committee provide feedback.

7) TSAC Subcommittee Update

Nick gave an overview of the committee's work to date, more on this at the next meeting.

Agenda Items for the next TSAC Meeting

TSAC Annual Report
NW Crossing Pedestrian issues

Adjourn 9:00 am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.